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Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I am writing to urge you to grant the above-referenced petition and end the slaughter of "downdraft" animals and related sale of their meat. Aside from the potential health risks to the ultimate consumers of this meat, since downed animals are at increased risk of disease and infection, the treatment of these animals is ~~unmercifully~~ heart-breakingly inhumane. They are often dragged with ~~steel~~ chains or pushed by tractors, adding to their suffering. Industry experts estimate that better, more humane treatment of "food animals" can prevent the great majority of downed animals. Eliminating the market for the meat from these animals would naturally increase incentives

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for more careful, more humane
treatment.

Thank you for your consideration
to this issue.

Sincerely,



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